

SPRINGFIELD, Va., Oct. 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Army Times Publishing Company is pleased to announce the winners of the 2nd Annual C4ISR Journal Big 25 Awards, honoring outstanding innovations in intelligence gathering and networking.

Featured in the Journal's October 2009 issue, the winners will be honored during the 9th Annual C4ISR Journal Integration Conference and 2nd Annual Big 25 Awards Banquet on Oct. 19-20 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Va.

Honorees were selected from five categories: sensors, innovations, organizations, network systems and platforms. C4ISR Journal Editor Ben Iannotta will present a "Top Five Award" to one winner from each category at the banquet Oct. 19.

The 2009 Big 25 honorees, and their winning projects, are:

#### SENSORS:

- Raytheon: Airborne Standoff Radar (ASTOR)
- ITT: AN/PSQ-20 Enhanced Night Vision Goggles
- General Atomics Aeronautical Systems and U.S. Army Aerial Common Sensor Office: Highlighter
- General Atomics Aeronautical Systems: Lynx Block 30 Radar
- L-3 Wescam: MX15 HD

#### INNOVATIONS:

- Raytheon: Advanced Responsive Tactically Effective Military Imaging Spectrometer (ARTEMIS)
- Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Air Combat Electronics: Digital Close Air Support System
- Northrop Grumman: Fire Scout
- Sierra Nevada Corp., with ITT, AdamWorks, Mercury Computer Systems, and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems: Gorgon Stare
- QinetiQ North America: Zephyr

#### ORGANIZATIONS:

- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Technology and Public Policy Program: Commission on Cybersecurity for the 44th Presidency

- U.S. Joint Forces Command: Empire Challenge Team
- NATO's Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A):  
Multi-sensor Aerospace-Ground Joint ISR Interoperability  
Coalition (MAJIIC)
- U.S. Underground Facility Analysis Center
- U.S. Department of Defense ISR Task Force

#### NETWORK SYSTEMS

- Hewlett Packard's EDS Co.: Network Operations Common Operating  
Picture (NetOps COP)
- L-3 Communications: ROVER 5
- Ascend Intelligence and the Defense Advanced Research Projects  
Agency (DARPA): Tactical Ground Reporting System (TIGR)
- Sarnoff Corp.: TerraSight
- Lockheed Martin: VUIT-2

#### PLATFORMS:

- Lockheed Martin: Aegis Weapon System
- GeoEye: GeoEye-1
- iRobot: PackBot
- Insitu: ScanEagle
- Textron's AAI Corp.: Shadow

The awards banquet will be held in conjunction with the 9th Annual C4ISR Journal Integration Conference. This year's conference follows the theme "From Concept to Capability at an Operational Tempo" and includes conference sessions on:

- The C4ISR Priorities of the Obama Administration
- Balancing C4ISR Assets to Meet Irregular and Hybrid Threats
- Have UAVs Eclipsed the Value of ISR Satellites?

Conference speakers include:

- Lt. Gen. David Deptula, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Headquarters U.S. Air Force
- Vice Adm. Bob Harward, Deputy Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command
- Rear Adm. Edward H. Deets, Naval Network Warfare Command, U.S. Navy
- Brig. Gen. Thomas Cole, Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, U.S. Army
- Brig. Gen. Robert P. Otto, Commander, 9(th) Reconnaissance Wing